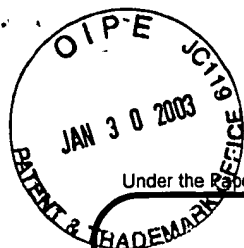


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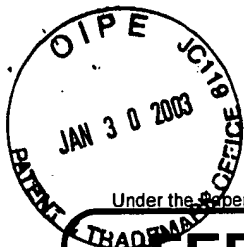
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AMENDMENT

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IN THE CLAIMS

All the claims on file remain unchanged, and are reproduced below:

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1. (Unchanged) A system for use with a search engine to rank search results, comprising:
an on-line ranking system for receiving any of users' on-line surveys or feedback about businesses;
the on-line ranking system generating rating data from the any of the users' on-line surveys or feedback;
wherein the rating data correlates higher quality search matches to higher business satisfaction ratings; and